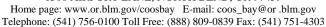


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February 2, 2004

FY 2004 Proposed Action Black Mound Communication Site Right-of-Way EA # OR 128-04-11

Dear Interested Party:

This letter is to inform you of the Environmental Analysis (EA) issue scoping schedule for the following project:

PROPOSED ACTION

Black Mound Communication Site Right-of-Way

T. 40 S., R 13 W., Will. Mer. Section 20 NW¹/₄NW¹/₄SW¹/₄. Curry County, Oregon

SCOPING SCHEDULE

February $\underline{4}^{th}$ - March $\underline{5}^{th}$, 2004

Curry County Emergency Services (CCES) is proposing to construct, operate, and maintain a microwave communication facility on public lands managed by the Bureau of Land Management, Coos Bay District Office. Construction of the communication facility is tentatively scheduled to begin in June, 2004. The proposed action will be analyzed in an Environmental Assessment (EA). CCES is currently upgrading their existing emergency services communications network by replacing obsolete equipment and towers. The proposed new facility, on Black Mound, will provide emergency services communications, which are currently inadequate, to South Curry County. The project will encompass an area of one acre, more or less. Proposed site preparation will include the clearing of all vegetation, predominately Tanoak and the excavation of an area 35'X 35'X 3' for the tower base and the electronic equipment shelter. Proposed site construction will consist of the erection of an 80' self supporting lattice tower anchored to a 25'X 25'X 3' concrete footing. The radio equipment will be housed in a 10'X 24' pre-fabricated concrete building installed on a concrete foundation. The proposed site is within the Sudden Oak Death quarantine area. No vegetation will be transported from the quarantine area. All severed vegetation will be mechanically piled and burned or chipped and burned. No Port-Orford-Cedar is found in the project area.

Issues associated with this project will be addressed by the resource area inter-disciplinary team preparing the EA. You are invited to submit written comments on any issues or concerns you may have regarding this project during the EA scoping period which is open from February $\underline{4}^{th}$ - March $\underline{5}^{th}$, 2004.

Comments, including names and street addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the above address during regular business hours (8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.), Monday through Friday, except holidays, and may be published as part of the EA document or other related documents. Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish to withhold your name or street address from public review or from disclosure under Freedom of Information Act, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your written comment. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by law. All submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be made available for public inspection in their entirety.

If you have any questions, need maps or other information, feel free to visit our office to discuss the proposed project, or you may contact Paul Rodriguez at this office, (541)-751-4262. Our email address is coosbay@or.blm.gov and our US mailing address is 1300 Airport Lane, North Bend, OR 97459.

Sincerely,

/s/ Teresa A. Colby, Acting for

Richard Conrad Myrtlewood Field Manager

Enclosure: Project Vicinity Map

